GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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Demands of Conservators
Azad Shri Kirti (JHA)

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the conservators have a long pending demand that more and more ancient monuments should be conserved by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to make them protected against the damage and urbanization;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some State Governments are not willing to hand over some monuments to the ASI; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) & (b) The protection and conservation of monuments of National importance is governed by the well established, Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment and Validation) Act 2010 and Conservation Policy of ASI. After receiving a request/proposal for protection of a monument/site the same is assessed to ascertain its National importance in historical and archaeological terms and deserving proposals are processed for protection. Proposals are not kept pending.

(c) & (d) The protection and conservation of monuments in the country is in the 'Concurrent List' wherein monuments of National importance are looked after by ASI and by the respective State Governments. No such instance has come to notice.